

## **APPENDIX 13**

## Natural Playgrounds

A. Play areas are designed and built to combine landscape elements, movement corridors, sun paths, weather patterns, drainage courses, plant groupings, and other site amenities with carefully chosen natural materials, structures, and features to create safe, accessible, age-appropriate play, social, and learning opportunities in natural play areas that look and feel like they've been there forever.

B. Natural playgrounds focus on creating settings to enable the type of play most important to our youngest children: social play (pretending) and constructive play (building).

Such play areas are becoming increasingly popular around the world; they are more sustainable, more interesting, less expensive to build, and emphasize discovery and physical play in a time when the pull of electronic "virtual" activities seems nearly overwhelming. Such a playground seems ideally suited to Kendrick Park.



See also:

[http://www.unh.edu/news/cj\\_nr/2008/oct/bp7playground.cfm](http://www.unh.edu/news/cj_nr/2008/oct/bp7playground.cfm)

<http://naturalplaygrounds.com/whatare.php>

<http://naturalplaygrounds.info/>